

## Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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The Invasive Species Bulletin provides you with all the latest news on invasive species in Montana and the region. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, contributions, questions, corrections, or comments.

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### Montana News

#### **Aquatic invasive species readiness and response summit**

Join Cascade Conservation District April 26-27 to help prepare North Central Montana for the fight against Aquatic Invasive Species.

For more information, contact the Cascade Conservation District 406-727-3603 x125 or email [Tenlee@cascadecd.com](mailto:Tenlee@cascadecd.com)

#### **Local boater training, certification now available online**

Local boater training and certification for Tiber and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs can now be done online at [musselresponse.mt.gov](http://musselresponse.mt.gov).

The online training course provides participants with information about the invasive mussel threat, how to appropriately clean, drain and dry your watercraft and why it's important for everyone to take responsibility in protecting Montana's waterbodies.....[read more](#).

#### **Whitefish fortifies defense against invasive species (Flathead Beacon)**

Montana's expanded watercraft-inspection program to curb the threat of aquatic invasive species officially went online April 15, while local efforts to prevent the spread of the non-native offenders are going to be more visible than ever in the coming weeks and months as Whitefish debuts its new mandatory inspection stations...[read more](#).

## **Invasive mussel public information meetings**

**Fort Peck Lake, Montana**– In October 2016, aquatic invasive mussel larvae were detected in Tiber Reservoir and suspected in Canyon Ferry Reservoir. Please join your local Conservation District for a series of public meetings to find out what this means for Central and Eastern Montana. All meetings will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the following locations:

May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Eagles Club in Lewistown

May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Great Northern Lodge Room in Malta,

May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Peck Interpretive Center in Fort Peck,

May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Summit Corral in Jordan.

It's not just a boater/recreation problem, it's a Montana problem, and there are ways that ag producers, recreationists, and all citizens can help to keep our water resources free from this invasive species. Find out what threats these mussels pose, how they can impact your community and way of life, and how you can do your part to prevent their spread in Montana. For more information call your local Conservation District office or Rachel Frost at 406-454-0056.

## **Regional AIS News**

Visit the Aquatic Invasive Species Network at [westernais.org](http://westernais.org) for the latest AIS news in and around the region. (Thanks, Stephen)

## **Other**

### **MISAC issues RFP for rapid response preparedness -- proposals due May 4**

The Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) seeks an experienced natural resource consultant to develop deliverables for an early detection rapid response (EDRR) pilot project for non-native mussels in the Tiber Reservoir/Lake Elwell. The intent of the pilot project is to identify, test, and evaluate effective coordination among government agencies and non-governmental stakeholders in the development and implementation of a site-specific EDRR program instituted as an emergency response measure. [Read more....](#)

## **April Weed Post**

[Invasive mustards: hoary alyssum, perennial pepperweed, and whitetop](#)

## **Next MISAC Meeting**

May 31, 10-4

Helena

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